

Application No: 09/136,483

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-22 are pending. Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice in view of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in pending application 09/841,255, although Applicants dispute the legal basis for that rejection. However, to advance prosecution in that case, Applicants hereby cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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